

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

9. (Amended) The reforming apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said shift reaction unit is arranged on a side adjacent to a high temperature zone of said reforming unit and said CO oxidation unit is arranged on a side adjacent a low temperature [said] side of said reforming reaction unit, so as to be in conformity to a temperature distribution within said reforming reaction unit.

16. (Amended) The reforming apparatus according to claim [12] 11, further comprising an incombustible core arranged at the center of said exhaust chamber.

24. (Amended) The reforming apparatus according to claim 23, wherein at least a portion of said raw material feed channel is held in contact with the surface of at least one of said reforming reaction unit, said shift reaction unit [add] and said CO oxidation unit.

STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Upon entry of this reply, claims 1-44 will remain pending.

Claims 1-44 are pending with no claims being canceled. Of these pending claims, claims 1-29 are original patent claims, and claims 30-44 have been added in the instant reissue.

In the present amendment, claims 9, 16 and 24 have been amended. Support for this amendment is present in the originally filed application, and the claims allowed therein. In particular, the changes made by the present amendment correspond with the claims as included in the application that matured into the parent of which reissue is sought as follows:

Claim 9 was presented in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111, filed November 20, 2000.

Claim 16 was presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed February 8, 1999.

Claim 24 was presented in the Specification filed February 8, 1999.

Accordingly, the claims are merely being amended herein to correct typographical errors made by the Patent and Trademark Office upon printing of the patent.